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In Re Applicant: Richard W. DeLange, et al §

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For: Corrosion Seal for
Threaded Connections §

Examiner: Carlos Lugo

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, applicants desire to amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1-3 as follows and please add the following new Claims 18-27.

Clean Version Of Amended Claims:

1. A connector for connecting together the free pin end and the free box end of two tubular bodies comprising:

a non-upset pin having pin threads formed externally on an end of a first tubular body, said pin threads having a pin thread root extending along a frustoconical surface from a starting vanishing point on said first tubular body and terminating adjacent the free pin end, said pin threads further being formed on a tubular section of said first tubular body having an outside diameter no greater than an outside diameter of a major length of said first tubular body,

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